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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 262

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD, TW  
SUBJECT: SECTION 301 PETITION FILED BY CHARLES REHFELDT

REF: TAIPEI 128

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE H.K. SHAO, WHO  
STATED HE WAS ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINISTER OF ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS Y.S. SUN, REQUESTED MEETING WITH ECON COUN JANUARY 14  
TO DISCUSS REVISED TARIFF REDUCTION PACKAGE REPORTED REFTEL.

2. ACCORDING TO SHAO, PACKAGE WAS AGAIN DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE  
YUAN JANUARY 13 AND APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

	PRESENT RATE	APPROVED RATE
1. AIR CONDITIONERS	60	45
2. REFRIGERATORS (INCLUDING FREEZERS	45	35
3. COLOR T.V.	45	35
4. RADIOS	45	35
5. LOUDSPEAKERS	58	45

3. IN CASE OF ITEMS 1, 4 AND 5 NEW RATES CAN GO INTO  
EFFECT AS SOON AS OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS PUBLISHED SINCE  
NEW RATES ARE NO LOWER THAN THOSE APPROVED BY LEGISLATIVE  
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YUAN (LY). IN CASE OF ITEMS 2 AND 3, HOWEVER, SINCE NEW  
RATES OF 35 PERCENT ARE LOWER THAN LY APPROVED RATES OF 45  
PERCENT, EXECUTIVE YUAN HAS DECIDED THAT IT HAS NO AUTHORITY  
TO PROMULGATE NEW RATES WITHOUT LY APPROVAL. ACCORDINGLY,  
RATES ON COLOR T.V. AND REFRIGERATORS (INCLUDING FREEZERS)  
WILL REMAIN AT 45 PERCENT UNTIL LY ACTS.

4. SHAO STATED THAT NEW RATES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO LY SOON BUT THAT NO ACTION CAN BE EXPECTED UNTIL LATE SPRING WHEN LY CONDUCTS ANNUAL REVIEW OF TARIFF SCHEDULE. SHAO OPINED THAT LY WILL GO ALONG WITH EXECUTIVE YUAN RECOMMENDATIONS BUT THERE IS NO WAY TO SPEED UP LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

5. ECON COUN EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THIS FURTHER DELAY IN RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM, WHICH HAS BEEN WITH US FOR OVER A YEAR. SHAO COMMENTED THAT HE SYMPATHIZED WITH OUR CONCERN BUT WE WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT A WHILE LONGER.  
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